GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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BRGF
Gawali (Patil) Ms. Bhavana;Ranjan Smt. Ranjeet;Rathwa Shri Ramsinh Patalyabhai

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals/requests from States especially from Gujarat on Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) are pending with the Union Government;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken thereon, State/UT-wise;
(c) whether any assessment on developmental impact of the scheme was made during the years 2014-15 and 2015-16 and if so, the details thereof;
(d) the allocation made from the fund and the extent to which the same was utilised by the States during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra; and
(e) the rationale for delinking the BRGF scheme from Central support?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b) Requests were received from the States to include new districts and to provide funds under the Backward Regions Grant Fund Programme (BRGF). However, from the financial year 2015-16 onwards, the BRGF has been delinked from the budgetary support of the Central Government.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) The State-wise details of releases made under the BRGF during each of the last three years and the utilisation reported so far by the States is given at Annexe.

(e) The BRGF Programme has been delinked from the budgetary support of the Central Government on account of higher devolution of funds to the States from 32% to 42% of the Centre's net tax receipts under the Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) award. The grants under the FFC award to the Gram Panchayats can also be utilized for improving the basic civic services including water supply, sanitation, maintenance of community assets and roads, etc.

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